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General Earle G. Wheeler
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Bus:

I have reviewed the topics which you suggested for discussion with the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 30 November. They are somewhat more numerous and complex than I feel that I can handle with any justice in the time available, particularly since I propose to review with you some problems relating to the management of the Intelligence Community's collection activities.

As you know, most of the questions on your list are under continuing review by the Intelligence Community, and I am confident that these assessments are furnished you regularly by the Defense Intelligence Agency. I therefore propose to concentrate discussion on topics d. and g. of your list, which are of unusually high current interest.

I plan to bring one staff officer to the meeting.

Sincerely,

MON 30 /s/ Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Director

CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Intelligence

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

25 NOV 1966

Dear Dick:

The following questions and discussion topics have been developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff for use during their meeting with you on 30 November 1966:

- a. In view of the evidence now available, what will be the eventual size and area coverage of the Soviet ABM?
- b. What do we now estimate are Soviet economic and technological capabilities to deploy large numbers of ICBMs concurrently with their ABM systems?
- c. At what point in their development cycle could we expect to discover Soviet MIRV and PENAID capabilities?
- d. What do we believe the Soviet reaction to deployment of NIKE-X would be?
- e. Our appreciations of Soviet strategy are based in part upon previous national estimates. In view of the latest evidence of their growing strategic offensive and defensive forces, how do we now view evolving Soviet strategy?
- f. What are your views on the COMUSMACV study pertaining to the VC/NVN use of Cambodia as a sanctuary?
- g. What is the flash point for the CPR to intervene directly in the Vietnam war?

In addition, the Joint Chiefs of Staff would welcome discussion of any particularly sensitive situations around the world which you would care to discuss.

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I propose that attendance be restricted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, their Operations Deputies and Lt. General George S. Brown, my Assistant, together with any representatives that you may wish to bring with you.

Sincerely,

Bus

EARLE G. WHEELER
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

*P. S. Hope the above list
isn't too voluminous. Some
can be answered quite briefly.
I should think.*

The Honorable
Richard M. Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

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Attached for your review and signature is a reply from the Director to General Wheeler on the agenda for the Director's 30 November meeting with the JCS.

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